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In re Application of

Jonnie R. Williams

Serial No. 09/397,018

Filed: September 15, 1999

For: METHOD OF TREATING TOBACCO

TO REDUCE NITROSAMINE CONTENT,

AND PRODUCTS PRODUCED THEREBY:

DECISION

ON

PETITION

This is in response to the petition filed February 15, 2000, requesting that the above-identified application be granted Special Status under Section 708.02 (VIII) of the MPEP.

The petition has been considered and found to comply with the requirements set forth under the above-noted section. Accordingly the petition is granted.

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